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Traffic Safety Week for Children To Feature Prizes, Pennants, Films

By Leslie Robinson

Greenbelt's traffic safety week for children begins this Sunday, Jan. 11. There are three big programs for the children; Wednesday night, Saturday afternoon, and during school hours, according to Police Sergeant Austin R. Green, program chairman.

A special feature of the Wednesday night program beginning at 8 at the Center School will be the awards of traffic safety pennants to each of the elementary school principals in Greenbelt and to the principal of the Berwyn elementary school. The pennants are flown underneath Old Glory at each school for the entire school year. Awards also will be presented at the Wednesday night program to the Greenbelter Tony Baker, the Alumni emerged victorious. Tony, who has been playing pro-basketball since his graduation, led the Alumni to a 44-42 victory.

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At 3:45, on Tuesday, Jan. 6, High Point's basketball team faced the Montgomery Blair team in a game at Blair.

Also in the swing of basketball games will be the one against Suitland on Friday night, Jan. 9 at High Point. The Junior Varsity will start off the evening at 7 playing the Suitland J. V., with the Senior Varsity appearing at 8:15 to battle the Senior Varsity. Half-time will feature entertainment by the Pom Pom Girls of High Point. A dance, sponsored by the Student Council, with refreshments provided by the Senior Class, will be held after the games for High Point students and their guests. See you at the game.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14, will not be an afternoon of luxury for the teachers of High Point, Greenbelt Junior High, Rollingcrest Junior High, and Bucklodge Junior High. They will meet to discuss common problems of their schools. Each teacher meets with a corresponding teacher from High Point to learn what is expected of the Junior High class that that teacher is teaching. The registration process for next year will also be explained at this meeting.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The Toastmasters Club of Greenbelt will have as their guests at their next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13, the wives of the members. The meeting will be held at the Center School cafeteria, and refreshments will be served to the ladies immediately following the meeting.

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GREENBELT JR. HIGH PTA

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Junior High PTA will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

A highly recommended film, "The Teens," will be shown. Following the film questions from the audience will be invited.

City Manager Inaugurates New Year With "Progress Report" to City Council

By Isadore Parker

City Manager Charles T. McDonald started the new year with a "progress report" to the city council at its meeting last Monday night which summed up the stages of various civic problems confronting the community. The report disclosed: The manager is still awaiting word from the county board of education regarding the payment for the Center elementary school. The board offered three annual payments which is unacceptable to the city unless payment of interest is included. The board is probably awaiting word from the county commissioners before notifying the city of its decision.

The board of education will approve development of the North End school property as a playground providing it receives assurance of nearby residents that they would not object. However, McDonald disclosed that the development requires an engineering drawing which is difficult to achieve without assistance. The site also requires a great deal of "fill" dirt, now scarce and unavailable, from the new housing developments in the city. The board nixed the idea of reclaiming the land through the sanitary land fill method.

There is still no definite decision on the dedication of land that lies between the Woodland Hills and Lakewood subdivision for park and playground. However, the council was assured that the land between Crescent and the backs of Woodland Hills homes will remain a green belt of trees.

The new site of the proposed community building is still awaiting word from the Gilbert interests, who are to sell or trade properties with the city. (The Gilbert interests are awaiting another decision on the part of the proposed apartment builders who are to purchase their land. The apartment builders are awaiting word about financing from the lending agency.)

The city is planning to pave the shoulders of Ridge between Northway and Southway soon. Following that project, curbs and gutters will be constructed if the budget permits.

Signs prohibiting double parking in the Centerway area will be erected as soon as they are delivered.

Tom Snoddy, city director of civil defense, intends to resign that post soon and will make a final report. Snoddy is also president of the Volunteer Fire Department. He hopes to recommend a successor.

The Labukas family, 21 Lakeside, has Labukas' mother, Mrs. Eva Labukas of Scranton, Pa., visiting. Vacating in Kissimmee, Fla., were the Beauchamps, 8-A Crescent. They visited George's parents, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Beauchamp, in Orange Gardens, a new development of homes for the property owner is completed.

Evelyn Wagner, 2-D Northway, and her three daughters, spent a delightful two weeks in Park Forest, Ill., visiting relatives.

The Seymour Levines, 37-G Ridge, have just returned from Miami Beach, Fla.

Birthday greetings to Larry Pratt, 17-G Ridge, who celebrated his third birthday on Dec. 30.

Seen around town were former Greenbelters Muriel and Glenn Burrows and their two children. The Burrows now live in Schenectady, N. Y.

Holidaying in N. Y. were the Boykoffs, 2-C Northway and the Abramowitz, 2-H Northway.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mary Patterson, 2-F Northway, on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Mason, of the same address.

A very happy birthday to Johnnie Laster, 15-A Ridge, who celebrated his fourth birthday. The Lasters have recently returned from Boston, Mass., where they visited relatives.

Birthday greetings to Naomi Parker, 45-J Ridge. This fourth grader is nine years old.

Happy birthday to Mary Elizabeth and Kevin Wilkinson, 15-A Laurel, who celebrated their fourth birthday.

Visiting the Warner family, 4-D Southway, was Jacob's mother, Mrs. Blanche Carpenter, of Ashland, Ky.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, 53-G Ridge. Charles Willis was born on Jan. 3, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. He joins a sister. Mr. Collins is a CORE teacher at the Greenbelt Junior

High.
And a very happy birthday to ELVIS!

Doubt Exists on Who Fired Maglothin Gun EXCLUSIVE

By Russell Greesbaum

The question of who fired the gun that critically wounded Mrs. Lila Mae Maglothin, 26, of 32-H Ridge rd., Tuesday night, shortly after 10 p.m. remains to be solved by the police, the News Review has learned exclusively in an interview with Greenbelt Chief of Police Jim Williams.

The mystery may be cleared up if Mrs. Maglothin, now at Prince Georges Hospital, is able to be questioned. Her husband, Private Donald Lee Maglothin of the District motorcycle police, who has been charged with assault with intent to kill in the shooting and suspended, has refused to give any details, except to call it an "accident," and has steadfastly referred all questions to his wife.

It is now considered possible that it was not Pvt. Maglothin who fired the one shot from his .38 caliber service revolver that penetrated Mrs. Maglothin's forehead but that she shot herself with the gun. There was some early confusion over finding a bullet hole in the bedroom ceiling as well as the bullet in Mrs. Maglothin's head. However, it has been ascertained that the shell broke off after hitting her and part of it hit the ceiling.

First to arrive on the scene at 10:15 p.m. after being called by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Meadows of 32-G Ridge, neighbors of the Maglothins, were the Greenbelt rescue squad and city police officer Bud Zoellner. Members of the rescue squad answering the door were Henry Wynkoop, Gilbert Wiser, Henry Ogden, and Jack Snoddy.

Officer Zoellner reported that Maglothin, who had frantically summoned the Meadows following the shooting, was highly excited and hysterical and that he kept trying to staunch the flow of blood from his wife's head. Coincidentally, Zoellner used to live in the 32-court and knew Maglothin. Although no powder burns were found by hospital attendants, the usual mark of a self-inflicted gun shot, it is believed that Mrs. Maglothin could have fired the gun at herself from a distance or that the blood could have washed off the powder marks.

Several facts were learned by the News Review as a result of a preliminary investigation by the Greenbelt police, who are now off the case. Although Maglothin had last been on duty for the previous midnight shift, he was still in uniform. He had not been home all day.

It was also learned that Maglothin had all his clothes downstairs apparently preparatory to packing them. There is no indication that a loud violent quarrel preceded the shooting as implied by one story in the local press. One neighbor was awakened by a loud voice, which might have been male or female, followed by a sharp thud which he later identified as the shot. The Meadows had not heard any voices.

The Maglothins have two children, five-month-old Kenneth and six-year-old Larry who is in the first grade at the Center School. As of yesterday, Larry has not been informed of the shooting. The Maglothins have lived in their home in the 32-court for several years and are well-liked in their court.

TABLE TENNIS

The Greenbelt Table Tennis Association invites you to play table tennis every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of Center School.

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Traffic Safety Program

Sergeant Austin R. Green of Greenbelt's finest is to be commended for his whole-hearted drive to improve traffic safety in Greenbelt. His efforts to encourage the school patrols are note worthy as well as his planning which put together this year's school traffic safety program.

Our churches, teachers and school officials, the American Legion Post 136 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 136, the Lions Club, and the Greenbelt Theatre should be thanked for their part in this traffic safety week.

Parents can do their part during traffic safety week by seeing that their children go to the Wednesday evening program at the Center School at 8 p.m., and to the Saturday afternoon program at the Greenbelt theatre at 2 p.m.

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick
Golf Class Registration

The Recreation Department will hold registration for all persons interested in golf lessons. The lessons will be given by Hugh McLeish, pro at the Glendale Golf Club. The fee will be \$15.00 for ten one-hour lessons. The following dates and times have been set for registration, with instruction to start the following week:

Monday, Jan. 12 at 8:30 p.m.;
Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m.; Friday,
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